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SUBJ: CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES WITH FONOFF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS DIVDIR YANAI AND WITH HEALTH WELFARE MINISTRY PHARMACEUTICAL AND SUPPLY BUREAU COUNSELOR MOTOHASHI. AFTER CONDUCTING STUDY, YANAI HAS INFORMED US THAT THERE ARE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE GOJ CAN PROCEED WITH RATIFICATION. THERE APPEAR TO BE NO POLITICAL PROBLEMS NOR HAVE PRESSURE GROUPS APPROACHED THE GOJ ON THE ISSUE. YANAI ADMITTED THAT GOJ HAS BEEN BUSY WITH OTHER MORE PRESSING TREATY MATTERS, DELAYING WORK ON THE PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION.

2. YANAI MADE FOLLOWING DETAILED COMMENTS:

(A) UNDER SCHEDULE ONE, TEN SUBSTANCES CAN BE CONTROLLED UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION. ALTHOUGH SOME OF TEN, LIKE LSD, ARE NOT STRICTLY SPEAKING NARCOTICS, THE LAW IS FLEXIBLE AND BY TECHNICAL

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AMENDMENT POSSIBLY TO THE CANNIBIS CONTROL LAW,

ALL SUBSTANCES CAN BE COVERED. (B) SCHEDULE II:  
MEASURES REQUIRED CAN BE TAKEN UNDER EXISTING LAW,  
THE STIMULUS CONTROL LAW, EXCEPT FOR REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING  
INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS ON CERTAIN SUBSTANCES.  
THESE REQUIREMENTS CAN BE INCLUDED WITHOUT MAJOR  
REVISION OF LAW. (C) SCHEDULES III AND IV:  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER THESE SCHEDULES NECESSITATE  
PASSAGE OF NEW LEGISLATION. NO POLITICAL PROBLEMS  
EXPECTED IN PASSAGE.

3. YANAI SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHEN  
LEGISLATION COULD BE DRAFTED AND PASSED. THUS,  
RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION AT THE EARLIEST MIGHT  
BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE DIET SESSION WHICH OPENS  
AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. MOTOHASHI, WHOSE OFFICE  
SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN DRAFTING LEGISLATION, WAS  
SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISTIC AND PREDICTED THAT RATIFICATION  
OF THE CONVENTION COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE FIRST  
HALF OF 1977.

4. COMMENT: OUR INQUIRIES SHOULD HAVE SERVED AS  
A SLIGHT BOOST TO RATIFICATION SIMPLY BY REQUIRING THE  
OFFICES INVOLVED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. ALTHOUGH  
IT WAS NOT REQUESTED, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL TO  
PASS COPIES OF DRAFT LEGISLATION WE MAY BE PREPARING  
ON SCHEDULES III AND IV TO THE GOJ WHEN SUCH  
DRAFTS ARE AVAILABLE. HODGSON

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